

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 35 were pending in the application at the time of examination. Claims 1 to 5, 12, and 33 stand rejected as anticipated. Claims 6 to 11, 34 and 35 stand objected to for being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 13 to 32 stand allowed.

Applicant has amended Claim 1 to include the limitations of Claim 6 and cancelled Claim 6. In view of the objection to Claim 6, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 1 is in condition of allowance.

The limitations in Claim 1 have been added to Claim 7. In view of the objection to Claim 7, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 7 is in condition for allowance.

The limitations in Claim 1 have been added to Claim 8. In view of the objection to Claim 8, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 8 is in condition for allowance.

Claim 9 has been amended to correct an informality created by copying the limitation of Claim 6 into Claim 1 and canceling Claim 6.

Claim 11 is cancelled because the limitation was the same as in Claim 9.

Applicant has amended Claim 33 to include the limitations of Claim 34 and cancelled Claim 34. In view of the objection to Claim 34, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 33 is in condition of allowance.

Claim 35 has been amended to correct an informality created by copying the limitation of Claim 34 into Claim 33 and canceling Claim 34.

Claim 1 stands rejected as anticipated. However, the amendment to Claim 1 has rendered this objection moot in view of the fact that the amendment incorporated subject matter from

Claim 6 that the Examiner indicated was patentable. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the anticipation rejection of Claim 1.

Claims 2 to 5 and 12 also stand rejected as anticipated. Claims 2 to 5 and 12 depend from Claim 1 and so distinguish over the cited reference for at least the same reasons as Claim 1. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the anticipation rejection of each of Claims 2 to 5 and 12.

Claim 33 stands rejected as anticipated. However, the amendment to Claim 33 has rendered this objection moot in view of the fact that the amendment incorporated subject matter from Claim 34 that the Examiner indicated was patentable. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the anticipation rejection of Claim 33.

Claims 1 to 5, 7 to 10, 12 to 33 and 35 remain in the application. Claims 1, 7, 8, 9, 33 and 35 have been amended. Claims 6, 11, and 34 were canceled. For the foregoing reasons, Applicant(s) respectfully submits that all pending claims are allowable. If the Examiner has any questions relating to the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicant(s).

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